

Revived urban studies offer opportunities

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The recently revived urban studies co-major program at WSU offers "myriad possibilities" to all students, according to Corinne Gilb, co-chairperson of the program.

Since 95 percent of the U.S. population live within commuting range of a city, and all jobs, including farming, are urban-related, the program correlates with any major field of study.

"Cities concern everybody in the United States," said Gilb, also a WSU history professor. "We are all urban whether we recognize it or not."

The urban studies co-major program is adapted to individual student's needs and interests. There are currently about 25 students in the program including majors in economics, geography, English, business administration and education.

Social work, pre-medicine and pre-law students can particularly benefit from the co-major, according to Gilb.

"My own personal regret is we are not getting enough art and art history majors," she added citing

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career examples of museum directing and local symphony work.

Urban, in the context of the program, includes suburban. "The whole idea of the city and country is not a separate thing," Gilb said. "They are integral."

Gilb works with students on a one-to-one basis and counsels them toward a marketable career.

"I know people have to eat and have a job and their life is influenced by the job," Gilb said.

"We are concerned with placement. What I do is try to get our best students internships."

The requirements for co-major

designation are three core courses and 32 hours of urban-related electives. Since some electives can also count toward fulfilling the other major or college requirements the program is not as formidable as it sounds.

About 70 urban-related electives are listed on pages 438-39 in the "Bulletin 1977-79" WSU catalog. Each department lists only a sampling of classes that may be taken as urban studies electives.

For further information about the program, call Gilb at 577-3323 or leave a message at 577-2525. The urban studies office is located in 838 Mackenzie Hall.

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